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Thanks

- .. To those parents who attended this week's camps
- .. To those who supported our tennis players during this week's singles competition
- .. To those parents who have sent photos for our "Celebrating Parents" day.
- .. To those organising the forthcoming school ball for their efforts to ensure this is an event to be remembered.
- .. To Fonterra for kindly donating compost and Gavin Donnelly for loading the trailers.

Good Luck

- .. To those children participating in next week's Central Calf Club Day (8.11)

People of the week

- .. Our campers and their teachers.
- .. Those children who received medals at this week's "Go for Gold" Awards Ceremony .. keep up the great reading!
- .. James received "Player of the Day" in his first ever Kamo B Grade Cricket game.
- .. Belinda won the girls Golf Northland Jnr Age Group/Stroke Play Champs Net Overfield Trophy for all age groups.

Coming up this term

- 6 November Zone Athletics at Poroti School (pp 3.11)
- 13 November Whangarei Boys' High School testing (now at Matarau)
- 13 November BoT meeting
- 21 November Year 7 and 8 visit to Northland Polytechnic
- 27 November Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 29.11)
- 28 November Whangarei Girls' High School orientation
- 29 November Year 7 and 8 abseiling at Whangarei Falls
- 1 December Home Garden judging
- 4 December Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics
- 10 December School team athletics day
- 11 December BoT meeting
- 12 December Reports sent home
- 13 December School Prize Giving
- 18 December Final day of school

Out of Zone Applications

If you were successful in winning an out of zone place for 2013 please advise (using the cut off form) acceptance (or decline) **no later than 6**

November.

In the event that we have not received written confirmation of acceptance by 6 November then (under the regulations) this offer is automatically rescinded and this place is offered to the child who is next on the waiting list.

Please note that a limited number of places are still available at years 7 and 8 and these will be filled on a first in basis.. Thank you.

Please understand that the rules we are applying are mandated by the Ministry of Education and we can make no exceptions to these rules and cannot demonstrate preference for one applicant over another.

Lunchtime Track and Field Competition (Years 4 to 8)

Track and field competitions start next week during lunchtimes weather permitting. Please encourage your children to participate in these events and ensure that they bring appropriate clothing with them each day. **If you are able to help out please give Kevin a call .. you can specify your day or your preferred track or field event(s).**

School Cups

Please return school cups by 16 November for re-engraving. Please do not polish these - we will arrange this. Thanks!



Celebrating Parents

Last week parents received a letter requesting photographs of them doing something special with their children that we can share as part of our forthcoming Celebrating Parents Day. If you have a suitable photograph (preferably electronic) please send to school or principal@matarau.school.nz. Many thanks to those who have already sent photographs in ... we need lots more.

School Contributions

Those who opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees will have received (or will soon receive) a request for their final instalment. Please forward payment as soon as possible and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss alternative payment arrangements. A small number of families also owe for activity or technology fees from earlier in the year and we are keen to receive these as soon as possible please.

Spelling Bee .. Underway soon. Parents might like to encourage their children's involvement.



Art Scholarships (Years 4 to 8)

Portfolios are due Monday 26 November 3:30 PM. If you would like to enter your child, and you have not received the background information, please contact their teacher or the school office. Please note that entry criteria were amended last year to allow 2 items from a previous year and one from an out of school activity (with some conditions). We hope to see a high level of interest in these scholarships with potential to win a trophy at prizegiving and a cash prize for each of the two winning students. Mrs Robertson has kindly offered to assist with portfolios and to give advice to students.



Class Placements 2013

Teachers will soon be giving consideration to class placements for 2013. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school but we can throw parent request / suggestions **of a general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider please give Kevin a call or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz.

Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course.

If your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make these places available for other students.

International Schools Maths and English Results

.. were sent home on Thursday .. (Year 4 children will receive theirs early next week).

Sunhats

These are compulsory in the summer terms and can be purchased from our school office for \$9.00 ... must be an approved school hat. Please help us to promote the sun-safe message. Northland has one of the highest levels of UV exposure in the world and exposure in childhood is known to be a significant contributing factor to skin cancers later in life.

We strongly suggest you name hats and maybe add something which clearly identifies this as your child's hat.

Zone Athletics - Poroti School - (year 4 to 8)

Please return any outstanding consents on Monday so that we can confirm the number of buses we need. Please note that regular classes are not held on this day for children in years 4 to 8. Please ensure children bring their lunch, sunhats, something warm, plenty to drink, their Matarau T-shirts and spending money and sunblock at your discretion. Parents are most welcome to accompany us on the day.

Menu available

BBQ Sausages	\$2.00	Steak Sandwiches	\$4.00
Drinks	\$1.00	Ice Blocks	- 50c

Science Labs

.. please note that these are now held in room 5 (by the upper carpark). A reminder that children need to bring covered shoes (for safety) and an old shirt (as a lab coat). Children are expected to attend each lab and so please advise the school office if your child is unable to attend any of these labs.

Mobile ear Clinic

.. will be stationed outside the Bush Road Medical Centre 8:30 to 3:30 on Wednesday 7 November. No appointment necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Kamo Bus

A number of children are travelling the Kamo bus with a promise to "pay later". This is a nightmare for the driver and has resulted in some disagreements with children over whether or not fares have been paid. Please note that, if using this bus, payment is expected on the day .. weekly tickets can be purchased from the driver or from Caves Buses.

Year 7 and 8 Pubertal Change Programme

A reminder to show an interest in what your child is doing and ask to view their workbook periodically. Mr Delemare and Mrs Donaldson are more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

Headlice Inspection

The school is now relatively free of these pests ... parents are encouraged to check their child(ren)'s hair weekly and to take prompt action in the event of infestation.

Home Garden Programme

Next week children will receive a small potted silverbeet seedling to put in their garden courtesy of the school. Judges may take a special interest in seeing how this seedling is coming along when gardens are judged on 1 December. A reminder to get a little seedling growing in a pot for our seedling swap coming up soon. Don't hesitate to give Kevin a call next week with any questions.



Calendars 2013 - All orders and payments due at the office for 2013 Calendars by 9/11/12.

Found - Longboard skateboard in school carpark Tuesday morning as Y4 were going to camp. Held in Office.

International Student Homestays

We have had a couple of people indicate that they would be interested in hosting short stay international students in their homes. We have had very successful home stays this last term and would like to grow our "bank" of available homes for next year. Each student pays around \$180 per week. If interested please contact Donna Cates in the school office next week.

Final word

Some of you may know that Mrs Bruce was awarded leave this year to take up a one year fixed term position as a Resource Teacher of Literacy. In this role Mrs Bruce has provided literacy support for students throughout the Whangarei area. Mrs Bruce has subsequently been appointed to this position on a permanent basis and thus will not be returning to Matarau School in 2013.

Any organisation is only as good as those who people it. Matarau school (and myself personally) have benefitted greatly from Mrs Bruce's experience, wisdom and energy over a period spanning 12 years. This is a goodly period of service and we all have a great deal for which to thank her. The staff and board will formally farewell Mrs Bruce at a morning tea starting 10:30 AM Wednesday 5 December. Parents are warmly invited to be at this morning tea and so maybe you could pencil in this date. Mrs Bruce's replacement will be announced next week.

Regards,
Kevin Trehwella
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Window on Kamo High School

E-Learning class 2013 - In 2013 we plan to introduce an e-learning class for Year 9 students. They will bring their own device to school (e.g. Ipad, Netbook) and much of their learning will be utilizing this device to access internet, collaborate with others, record and store information, etc - all the things technology allows to benefit teaching and learning. This is an exciting development. Please contact the Yr 9 Dean, Mrs Peggy Shepherd, for more information. Applications close on Friday 30th November 2012.

Rugby Centre of Excellence for 2013 - an exciting new initiative at Kamo High School in 2013 aiming to raise the standard of school boy rugby in Northland. PE teacher, Brad Miller, a former representative rugby player for Northland, North Harbour and Waikato is establishing the Rugby Centre, and confirmed mentors to date include Super Rugby and Northland legends Justin Collins, David Holwell, and Hayden Taylor, NZ 7's / Chiefs and NPC player Nick Collins, and Northland stalwart Brad Taylor. The mentors will provide individual advice and feedback for their specialist positions and will be a major asset in the player's development.

Community Notices

Skate Night - Saturday November 3rd, 6.30 – 8.30pm; Portland Recreation Centre – McGill Road, Portland; Hire Skates Available, Bring your own socks, \$5 entry \$1 skate hire.

For Rent - Very tidy 2 bedroom house to rent. 18 Charles Street, Kamo. \$220pw; Call 435 3002 to view.

Maunu School Country Fair to be held on 3 November 2012 from 10am to 2pm, corner Austin Road and SH14. Lots of parking and eftpas available.

Northern Rabbit and Cavy Club - Christmas show on the 17th November 2012. All children and adults are welcome to enter their pet rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and mice. Entries close on the October 29th. Contact the club on 022 6310647 for more info.

Toolbox parenting groups in Northland - With the right tools anyone can be a great parent. Join a Toolbox parenting group and learn how to build a great family team. Toolbox groups are free of charge thanks to government funding. There are three courses you can choose from: The Early Years (0-6 years); The Middle Years (6-12); Tweens and Teens (12-18); If you would like more information about Toolbox parenting groups in Northland contact Debbie on 09 433 5040

Babysitter available- in the Ruatangata/Matarau area, \$7 per hour, please phone Anna Miller 094356474 or text 0210524279. (Note from the school office... Anna would be an awesome babysitter, very responsible and great with little ones!!)

Learn to Ski/Open Day at Kai Iwi Lakes Water Ski Club on 10 November 10am to 3pm. Free skiing, bouncy castle, lolly scramble, sausage sizzle etc. Join the club on the day and save the joining fee. - come and see Max & Xanthe Adams and they can show you what to do.

TRAIL RIDE Sunday 11th November 2012 at Opuawhanga on Whananaki North Road, Registration from 8.30am onwards. First ride 10.00am Last ride 2.45pm. More info Hikurangi School 4338 545

Whakapara Country Garden Ramble – Sunday 18th November 8 gardens + art & crafts \$20. Contact Heather 4338987 or Anne 4339962. Tickets Palmers Gardenworld, Kamo Pet & Aquatic Shop, Whakapara BP 2Go, Sciadopitys Garden Centre. Proceeds to Project Promise.

For Sale: Lime, great for the garden, lawns and paddocks - \$5.00 for a 10kg bag. Phone Helen or William on 433 5512 to arrange delivery or pickup. This is a fundraising effort for William to go with the Boys & Girls High combined team to represent Northland at the Get2Go OPC final in December on Great Barrier Island.

Diocesan School for Girls - Information Evening Reyburn House, Town Basin, Whangarei, Monday 19 November 2012
5:30pm – 7.00pm; Fionna Mills, Admissions Director, email fmills@diocesan.school.nz phone 09 5209225.

KAMO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Registration Day – Friday 2nd November 2011 4.30pm,

Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave, Kamo. *New members wanted.*

Stroke improvement classes - Monday & Friday afternoons from 4.30pm, start Monday 5th November. Thereafter each Monday & Friday afternoon until end of season (approx mid March).

Optional Club nights – Wednesdays, start 14th November 2012 at 5.30pm, 1st one at Maungatapere Pool - great atmosphere, timed races.

Swimmers must be reasonably confident in water and be able to swim 10m unaided.

For further enquiries contact Chris 433 5099 or Helen 433 5823 or Sharon 027 631 9361

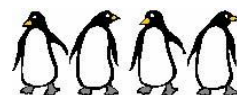
KAMO TENNIS CLUB - Juniors Club Night – Thursdays - 3.30 to 5.30, Starting Thursday 1st November; Club Nights - Tuesdays starting at 5.30pm. All welcome- come along for some fun tennis. Ladies Mornings – Thursdays - 9am to 11.30. Bring a friend & enjoy the morning; Enquiries to Francie James on email at - snow.j@nettel.net.nz
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Matarau School Badminton Club Every Monday after school (3.00pm - 4.30pm) in the school hall. Enjoy Ladder challenges, fundamental new skills & a chance to play regular badminton with your friends.\$5- per session or \$50- Term.

Come along to the hall on Monday after school to find out more. Contact Kaleb for more information or to book your place. kaleb@nzba.net.nz Ph-0212503965

Kamo Squash Club ... Did you know.... that children as young as 5 can start playing squash at Kamo? Small Nix' squash classes give children from 5-8 a chance to develop their fundamental skills, agility and movement through fun activities and games on a squash court. Classes are offered on the following Fridays: 2 November, 9 November, 16 November from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Cost \$5 per night, just need shoes.. Call Vanessa on 435 5011. Email fiandmoose@xtra.co.nz or phone 4370370.

Central Calf Club Day - Any children with calves, pet lambs and goats can also enter the **Central Calf Club Day** being held at Barge Showgrounds on 8th November 2012. Plus entries are now open for the A&P Summer Show on Saturday 8th December 2012. All pet calf, lamb or goat entries received before 16 November receive a free ticket to the Show! Entry forms will be available at calf club day or you can download them from www.summershow.co.nz. Gate admission for the Show is \$5.00 per person, with under 5 year olds free again this year.



Wild West Showdown Aka the Matarau School Ball 2012 Meet the Sheriff at Sundown 10th Nov 2012



WANTED: Gunslingers & Saloon Girls
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The Saloon opens 7.30pm Music: The Kiwi Rock Band
Tickets available from the School Office

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First pickup	Kamo Four Square	6.55pm
	Worsnop Rd	7.10pm
	Ruatangata Garage	7.20pm
	Arrive at School	7.30pm
Return Time	Leave school	12.30am

Please Note: Anyone wanting to travel by bus is required to book by the 5th November on martinfamily70@vodafone.co.nz or 4353002.

Fundraising Reminders

STILL OUTSTANDING - Chocolates and or Chocolate money was due back at school last week. Please return any unsold chocolate and monies from sales on Monday next week. Thank you for your support.

Wild West Showdown ... flyer attached. Great night out, music, food, entertainment. Tickets on sale at the office.

Horse Trek ... Saturday 17th November. 3 hour loop, easy terrain and great views. 3 mins from Matarau School. Registrations to school office by 14th November. More information from Alina 4338998.

Horse Trek... Wanted to Borrow

Gas ring or similar for Matarau School Pony Trek on November 17th. If you can help please phone Kym 433-5701.

School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage in a bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the class teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince or Mince 'n' Cheese Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), Butter Chicken or Mince n Cheese Wraps and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the Fruit drink for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.



Toni Bean for running the Auckland marathon (42km) last weekend and raising close to \$1800 for the motor neurone foundation. The photo is Amy and Jade running a little bit of the course with Toni.